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WHEN SUPERHUMANITY NEEDS A DETECTIVE AGENCY, THEY CALL UPON MADROX THE MULTIPLE MAN AND HIS MUTANT TEAM OF INVESTIGATORS...

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PREVIOUSLY...

THE IMPENDING BIRTH OF RAHNE'S CHILD HAS ATTRACTED THE ATTENTION OF UNNATURAL CREATURES, STARTING WITH A FEROCIOUS DEMON CALLED THE SIN-EATER THAT ANNIHILATED AN ENTIRE CONGREGATION AT A LOCAL CHURCH. AND NOW, OF ALL THINGS, FERAL HAS APPARENTLY RETURNED FROM THE DEAD, MUCH TO THE SURPRISE OF RAHNE AND SHATTERSTAR.

MEANWHILE: PETER'S DAUGHTER, EIGHT-YEAR-OLD CAROLINE, HAS A NEW THING SHE LIKES TO HAVE HIM READ TO HER: "CALVIN AND HOBBS," THE IMMORTAL COMIC STRIP BY BILL WATTERSON. THANK HEAVENS FOR THE THREE VOLUME COLLECTED EDITION.

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I'LL HAVE
THAT CHILD,
SINCLAIR!

EVEN IF I
HAVE TO RIP
IT FROM YOUR
COLD, DEAD
BODY!

FERAL!!!!





SPEAKING
OF BLOODY...
WHOA, DID YOU DO
THIS TO THESE
PEOPLE?

NO, I
DINNA!

MARIE,
YE...YE'RE
DEAD!



WHAT,
NOW YOU'RE
THREATENING
ME?

NO, AH
MEAN... YE'RE
DEAD! SABRETOOTH
KILLED YE! AH WAS
THERE!

NOW YE'RE
SOME KIND OF...
OF GHOST!

GET
OUT! I'M
NOT--!



WAIT...
SHOULDN'T
I HAVE A
SHADOW?

CRAP,

NOT IF YOUR
BODY HAS NO
SUBSTANCE,
NO!



IT'S...IT'S
COMING BACK
TO ME NOW.
SORRY, MY
MIND'S NOT...

MY
THOUGHTS
KEEP FADING
IN AND...



MARIE?

HUNH,
PEOPLE COME
AND GO SO
QUICKLY
HERE.



AND AH
VOTE WE DON'T
WAIT AROUND
FOR HER T'COME
BACK.

WHY DO
YOU WANT
THAT COAT?
IT'S BLOOD-
SPATTERED.

EVERYTHING
AROUND HERE
IS BLOOD-
SPATTERED.

BUT
SOMEONE
SWIPE THE
COAT AH LEFT
OUTSIDE.

SO AH CAN
EITHER WALK
BACK TO
HEADQUARTERS
AS A WOLF, OR
WEARING A COAT
WITH SOME
STAINS ON IT...



...OR
STARK
NAKED.

WHICH
DO YE THINK
WILL ATTRACT
THE LEAST
ATTENTION?

THAT...
MAKES
SENSE.



NOT THAT AH CARE MUCH
THESE DAYS, BUT YE
COULD HAVE AVERTED
YUIR EYES, JUST FOR
FORM'S SAKE.

JUST
WHAT?

I'M
SORRY. I
JUST...



I'VE
JUST NEVER
SEEN A NAKED
PREGNANT
WOMAN
BEFORE.

IT'S...
BEAUTIFUL.



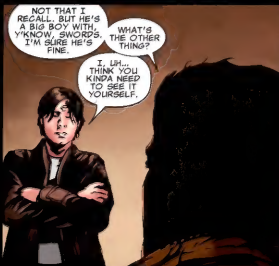
...SLIGHT
FINE.

KNOCK
YUIRSELF
OUT.



















IT'S
REGENERATING
BODY PARTS,
EH?

FINE! I CAN
KEEP CUTTING
THIS THING
APART ALL
DAY--



AND IT'LL KEEP
MULTIPLYING
UNTIL IT'S TOO
MUCH FOR
EVEN YE!

AH! I'VE READ
ABOUT THE HYDRA!
AH! I'VE WORKED WITH
MADROX! AH CAN
SEE WHERE THIS
IS GOIN'!



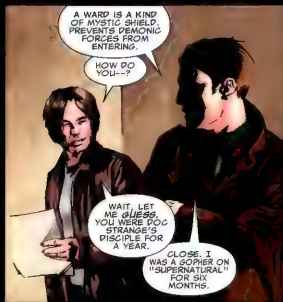
NOW
C'MON!



"UHM...LAYLA?
YOU, UH..."



"YOU WANNA
TELL US WHAT'S
GOING ON?"





I KNOW HOW HE FEELS.

THIS IS JUST HOW LAYLA OPERATES: ON A NEED-TO-KNOW BASIS

IT GETS ON ALL OUR NERVES SOMETIMES, BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS...



...SHE HAS YET TO STEER US WRONG.

HEY!

OFF-DUTY, BUDDY!



AHHHH!

SHATTERSTAR, IT'S ONLY TWELVE BLOCKS T'HOME! WE CAN MAKE IT--!

THIS WAY WE'LL MAKE IT FASTER.



YOU SON OF A--!

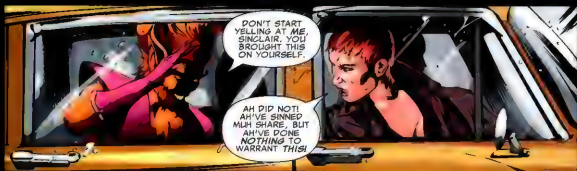
FIND SHELTER. THE CREATURE PROBABLY WON'T CARE ABOUT YOU, BUT YOU CAN'T BE TOO CAREFUL.

RAHNE, REMIND ME: WHICH SIDE OF THE ROAD DO I DRIVE ON?

IT'S ALL ONE-WAY STREETS, SO "SIDE" DINNA MATTER.



OH, GOOD.





RAHNE?
WHO ARE YOU
TALKING TO?

FERAL! SHE'S
IN THE BACK SEAT!
DON'T YE SEE HER?
HEAR HER?



NO, ARE
YOU SURE
SHE'S--?

EYES ON
THE ROAD!
EYES ON
THE ROAD!



IT'S JUST
US GIRLS THIS
TIME, SINCLAIR.

YOU CAN
BE STRAIGHT
WITH ME, I CAN
SYMPATHIZE.

HELL, THE
THINGS I DID TO
MY STEPFATHER,
MY MOTHER...

WE'RE
PRACTICALLY
SOUL MATES,
YOU AND I.



ALTHOUGH I
DID STOP SHORT
OF CANNIBALISM.

EXCEPT...
CANNIBALISM
MEANS EATING
SOMETHING OF
YOUR OWN
SPECIES.

IF YOU OR
I EAT A HUMAN,
IS THAT REALLY
CANNIBALISM
SINCE WE'RE NOT
HUMAN? OR IS
THAT SIMPLY...
JUST DESSERTS?



AH...AH
DIDNA KNOW
WHAT YE'RE
TALKIN'
ABOUT!

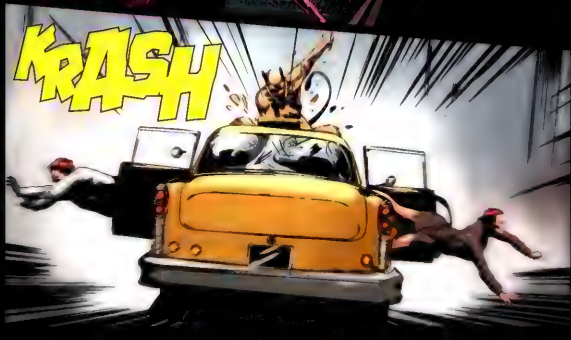
SURE
YOU DO.

WHAT'S
SHE SAYING?

NOTHING!
SHE'S...SHE'S
LYIN'!



DID YOU SAY
LION?









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